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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING A BASE STATION IN A DISTRIBUTED RADIO SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is disclosed a system and method for synchronizing a base station within a distributed radio system. A communication network is provided utilizing gigabit ethernet protocols and media. A global positioning system (GPS) is installed onboard one of a plurality of base stations. The single GPS, without the necessity for a holdover oscillator, is used to synchronize a plurality of the base stations within the network by transmitting a clock signal via the gigabit ethernet media to each base station. The gigabit Ethernet signal is tapped by a clock recovery circuit, present on each base station and the recovered signal serves as a master clock signal for the base station as well as a reference clock for the transmit and receive section.